

## Transit Ridership in 2017

Fixed-route transit boardings in the central Puget Sound region grew past 220 million by the end of 2017, an increase of 5 million over the previous year. This is a 2.3% increase in transit ridership across the region.

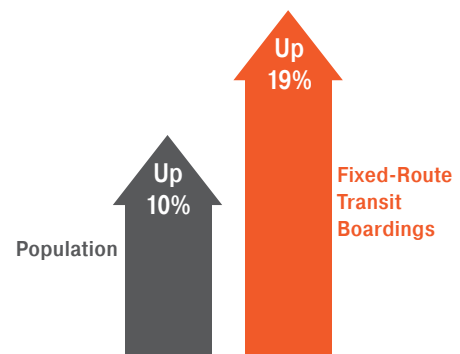
Transit ridership in the region has grown almost twice as fast as population since 2010.

### Share of Transit Boardings by Mode

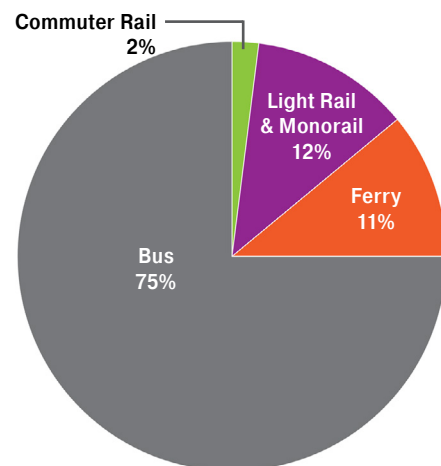
The bus fleet continues to be the workhorse for the region, carrying more than 75% of all transit boardings. Although still the dominant transit mode, this share is down from 82% in 2010.

The share of boardings by light rail and streetcar continues to climb as the high capacity system reaches more of the region. Since 2010, light rail has more than doubled its share of boardings from 5% in 2010 to over 12% in 2017. This strong growth is a direct result of the expansion of the light rail network to Angle Lake, Capitol Hill and the University of Washington in 2016.

**Figure 1. Fixed-Route Transit Boardings, 2010-2017**



**Figure 2. Share of Transit Boardings by Mode, 2017**



Data source: National Transit Database Monthly Adjusted Release, December 2017.  
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/data-product/monthly-module-adjusted-data-release>